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Barnett Sees Progress As Result Of New Laws

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BILOXI — Gov. Ross Barnett predicted here Friday that barring unforeseen events, Mississippi is headed for unprecedented progress within the next several years as a result of a favorable economic atmosphere created by the present legislature.

Speaking at the 19th annual convention of the Mississippi Trucking Assn., the chief executive said that continuance of the progressive attitude of the officials and the people of this state will guarantee industrial and agricultural development.

Barnett cited that within the past few years some 400 new industries have come into the state and there are as a result more than 100,000 new residents of Mississippi. Some 40,000 new jobs have been created.

The chief executive reminded that present industries are the best salesmen for Mississippi because they have found the state as favorable to industry as had been expected.

"We live up to our promises to industry and agriculture alike in this state," Barnett declared.

"We have more industrial pros-

pects on file than ever before," he said.

"Mississippi has always had great leadership and we are first in so many things that memory is taxed to recall them all."

Barnett paid tribute to the trucking industry of the state, citing that "your industry serves every community in Mississippi efficiently and profitably for the people."

He cited that the seafood industry here on the Gulf is on the upgrade as a result of reorganization during the present administration and reminded of other progressive moves which he attributed to a "legislature that had the vision to find out what we needed and the courage to do something about it."

"We reduced income taxes to attract industries," he said.

"You have to get the big boy into Mississippi so the little boy can get a job."

Gov. Barnett, who was introduced by president Harvey West, Hattiesburg, of the association, drew a standing ovation from the several hundred trucking officials and their wives attending the luncheon at the Buena Vista Hotel, headquarters for the meeting.